GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2847
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RE BIDDING PROCESS BY NTPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation is planning to start rebiddingprocess to purchase LNG on a long term contract for 4 power projects:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the MoUs signed earlier for supply of LNG has been cancelled; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir, However, the National Thermal Power corporation (NTPC) hadentered into two separate Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs), one with GujaratPipavav LNG project (GPLNG) with M/s Sea King Infrastructure Ltd. (SKIL) and M/s British Gas and the other with M/s Petronet LNG Ltd.(PLL) to meet the LNGrequirement of gas based expansion projects at Anta, Auraiya, Kawas and Jhanor- Gandhar.

(c) & (d) : MOU signed for GPLNG project has expired on 8.2.2001Efforts are being made to enter into fresh MOU with GPLNG for supply of gas for Kawas and Gandhar power projects.

MOU signed with PLL is valid till 15.12.2001. However, NTPC has notbeen able to proceed further in the matter due to absence of projection of firm price of regassified LNG as delivered at power plant by PLL.